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TAGS: OREP (SOLARZ, STEPHEN)

SUBJECT: CODEL SOLARZ-MOZAMBIQUE

1. SUMMARY: REPRESENTATIVE SOLARZ PAID A SUCCESSFUL TWO DAY TRIP TO MOZAMBIQUE ON JULY 6 AND 7, DURING WHICH HE MET WITH ZANU LEADER ROBERT MUGABE, BRITISH AMBASSADOR JOHN LEWEN, AND GPRM FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SHARFUDINE KHAN. HE ALSO HEARD REPORTS FROM LOCAL UNHCR REP ON RHODESIAN REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES WITH MEMBERS OF LOCAL DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. END SUMMARY.

2. REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN SOLARZ WAS MET UPON ARRIVAL BY AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF. AFTER EMBASSY BRIEFING ON MOZAMBIQUE AND RHODESIAN STRUGGLE, REP SOLARZ, AT LUNCH AT EMBOFF'S RESIDENCE, MET WITH LOCAL UNHCR DEPUTY REP SERGIO VIEIRA DE MELLO WHO DISCUSSED SITUATION OF RHODESIAN REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE. CONGRESSMAN'S QUESTION ON NUMBERS, CONDITIONS IN CAMP, AND TRENDS WERE WELL ANSWERED. REP SOLARZ ALSO DISCUSSED IMPLICATIONS FOR MOZAMBIQUE ON LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES WHO MIGHT WISH TO REMAIN IN MOZAMBIQUE AFTER SETTLEMENT OF RHODESIAN ISSUES. UNHCR DOES NOT THINK THIS

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WILL BE MAJOR PROBLEM, AND VIRTUALLY ALL REFUGEES WILL RETURN.

3. CONGRESSMAN THEN MET WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR JOHN LEWEN, WHO DISCUSSED BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE THINKING ON RHODESIAN PROBLEM. AMBASSADOR LEWEN DOES NOT SEE BRITISH SUPPORTING A PLAN TO COMPENSATE WHITES WHO LEAVE RHODESIA, BUT IF SUCH A PLAN SHOULD MATERIALIZE, IT MAY BE PATTERNED AFTER THAT USED IN KENYA.

4. LATER IN DAY, REP SOLARZ MET WITH SHARFUDINE KHAN, DIRECTOR OF AMERICANS AND EUROPE OFFICE AT FOREIGN MINISTRY. CONGRESSMAN ASKED ABOUT MOZAMBIQUE'S VIEWS ON RHODESIAN STRUGGLE, SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUES, AND MOZAMBIQUE'S ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH AFRICAN BUT IN CONGRESSMAN'S WORDS, RECEIVED ONLY A "FOG OF RHETORIC" IN RETURN.

5. AT DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, CONGRESSMAN EXCHANGED VIEWS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES WITH UNDP DEPUTY REP TORE ROSE, UNICEF REP BABOUCAR N'DJIE, SWEDISH CHARGE HASSELMARK, CAPE VERDEAN CHARGE ARLINDO VINCENTE SILVA AND EMBOFFS.

6. MORNING JULY 7, CONGRESSMAN AND DCM LEFT VIA CHARTERED AIRCRAFT FOR QUELIMANE WHERE THEY HAD HOUR AND A HALF MEETING WITH ZANU LEADER ROBERT MUGABE. RESULTS THIS MEETING REPORTED SEPTTEL.

7 COMMENT: WHILE TYPICAL GPRM LETHARGY MADE OBTAINING VISA AND PINNING DOWN SCHEDULE A DIFFICULT AND LAST MINUTE AFFAIR, WE BELIEVE CODEL VISIT WAS BOTH SUCCESSFUL AND OPPORTUNE FOR REPRESENTATIVE SOLARZ AND EMBASSY. REPRESENTATIVE SOLARZ WAS ABLE TO ACHIEVE HIS MAIN OBJECTIVE (I.E., TO MEET WITH SPOKESMAN OF ZIMBABWEAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT), WHILE EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO ESTABLISH USEFUL CONTACT WITH ZANU LEADER ROBERT MUGABE. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, EMBOFF WAS FOR FIRST TIME ALLOWED TO TRAVEL INSIDE MOZAMBIQUE WITH TACIT APPROVAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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